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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ANTARCTIC DEVELOPMENT

REF: A) STATE 304312; B) OSLO 6273

1. THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ANTARCTIC DEVELOPMENT SCHE-  
DULED FOR APRIL 12-14, 1977 IN PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE IS A  
LEGITIMATE ACADEMIC OFFERING JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
CHILE AND THE INSTITUTE OF PATAGONIA. THERE HAS BEEN  
AN EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHILE TO  
HAVE THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE (GOC) PROVIDE HALF OF THE  
FUNDS FOR THE SYMPOSIUM PLUS A MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO FLY  
ALL PARTICIPANTS TO PUERTO WILLIAMS AT THE CONCLUSION OF  
THE SYMPOSIUM. TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, THERE HAS BEEN  
NO RESPONSE FROM THE GOC AS YET.

2. CAPTAIN HERNAN LORCA, DIRECTOR OF THE CHILEAN ANTARCTIC  
INSTITUTE STATES THAT THE ABOVE SYMPOSIUM IS IN NO WAY  
CONNECTED WITH THE GOC. THE CHILEAN ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE,  
FOR EXAMPLE, WILL MAKE NO INPUT INTO THE PROGRAM. LORCA  
HAS BEEN INVITED AND MAY ATTEND IN A PERSONAL RATHER THAN  
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OFFICIAL CAPACITY. LORCA AND OFFICIALS FROM THE CHILEAN  
COMMISSION ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH  
(COMICYT) VOUCH FOR THE ACADEMIC SERIOUSNESS OF THE  
SPONSORING INSTITUTIONS AND IMPUTE NO ULTERIOR MOTIVES  
TO THE ORGANIZERS.

3. EMBASSY IS AWARE THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHILE'S DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES REGULARLY OFFERS SEMINARS AND PRODUCES RESEARCH PAPERS ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEMES, INCLUDING THE ANTARCTIC. BOTH THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND ITS DIRECTOR, PROFESSOR FRANCISCO ORREGO VICUNA, ARE RESPECTED FOR THEIR TECHNICAL COMPETENCE AND OBJECTIVITY. SINCE PROFESSOR ORREGO IS A CANDIDATE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION, IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT HE WOULD RISK HIS INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION BY TRYING TO PEDDLE A SELF-SERVING GOC POINT-OF-VIEW. THE DIRECTOR OF THE PATAGONIAN INSTITUTE, MATEO MARTINIC, IS ALSO HIGHLY RESPECTED AS A SERIOUS, COMPETENT INDIVIDUAL.  
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